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<p><b>Pertinent Information</b></p> <p><u>Present Situation of Balli Kombetar</u></p> <p>The secession of the moderate elements of the Balli Kombetar, headed by <u>Abas ISSURA</u>, <u>Muredin VIANA</u>, and <u>Halik BEGEJA</u>, has resulted in seriously weakening the leftist current, headed by <u>Abas BISHI</u>. The former three leaders, of whom two were among the founders of the movement, have distributed printed circulars among their fellow members, disavowing the extremists and stigmatizing them for activities contrary to the national interest. They have also issued a call for new elections to the Directive Council of the Balli, and have proposed a coalition of all Albanian anti-Communist parties.</p> <p>In the above activities, the moderate leaders have made apparent their intention to work for a broadening of the membership of the Free Albania Committee (FAC). In this connection, the return of <u>Hasan DOSTI</u> from the United States is awaited with interest. Those who know DOSTI consider him a hesitating, uncertain as to what attitude he should take towards the rival currents in the organization which he heads. It is believed that his own inclination is toward the moderates, but that British-U.S. support given to <u>Abas BISHI</u> will lead him finally to embrace the latter's cause.</p> <p>DOSTI's dilemma is far from being unique. Were it not for British U.S. support of <u>BISHI</u>, the <u>ELISSURA</u> group would by now have emerged supreme in Balli, but the allied attitude has left the major part of the membership in a state of perplexity. It is well known that <u>ELISSURA</u> has ample financial means and is able to send his recruits for training in Italy and Germany. <u>ELISSURA</u> has not even enough money to carry out his self-assigned task of preserving the conservative and national character of his organization. Notwithstanding a small group of Ballists have already declared for his favor, and others are known to be vacillating, largely because of the arbitrary actions of the leftist leaders. It is believed that <u>ELISSURA</u> has not been in gaining any appreciable foreign support whatever, he has had to rely upon the way for a realignment of the Balli forces, and an alliance with the other anti-Communist groups.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">10 The SUBJECT IN THIS SECTION</p>				
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